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1. The following views are reported to have been expressed by Sergeev, Soviet director of Brown Boveri and Siemens-Schuckert, in a conversation with a Soviet colleague:
 - a. Top level organizational changes and personnel changes will occur in USIA in 1949 with a general reduction of personnel and streamlining all the way down the line, including individual plant organization.
 - b. The USSR definitely wishes to reach a final decision on German property in Austria and will suggest the following two alternatives in negotiations with the other three powers and the Austrian Government:
 - i. Reimbursement for German holdings, or
 - ii. definitive taking over by the Soviets of the largest Soviet-controlled plants.

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Comment: It is emphasized that the above views are reported as those privately expressed by Sergeev and are not interpreted as a definite indication of future Soviet policy. See also [REDACTED]

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